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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a Continuation-in-Part of Application No. 08/954,640, filed October 20, 1997

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FOR: WAFER CONTAINER WITH MINIMAL CONTACT

Enclosed are:

- ☒ [ X ] Specification and Abstract - 21 pages.
- ☒ [ X ] Drawings - 20 sheets (Figs. 1-27).
- ☐ [ ] Declaration for United States Patent Application.
- ☐ [ ] Small Entity Statement(s).
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Also please note the following:

- a' ☒ [ X ] Amend the specification by inserting, before line 1, the sentence: This is a Continuation-in-Part of Application No. 08/954,640, filed September 2, 1999, which is a CPA of Application No. 08/954,640, filed October 20, 1997, which is a Continuation-in-Part of Application 08/678,886, filed July 12, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,788,082, Issued August 4, 1998. The entire disclosures of these applications, including all amendments, are hereby incorporated by reference.

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Also insert after the fifth line of page 9 the following:

--FIG. 25 is a perspective view of a prior art wafer container.

FIG. 26 is a perspective view of a prior art wafer container.

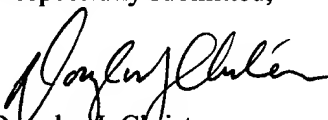
FIG. 27 is a perspective view of a prior art wafer container.--

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